GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF FOODGRAINS IN OPEN MARKETS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to release large quantities of wheat and rice under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) for increasing their availability in the open market thereby controlling the prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said quantity is likely to meet the requirements of these commodities in the entire country; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the requirements of wheat and rice in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam. Government has allocated 30 lakh tones of wheat and 10 lakh tones of rice for sale under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic)

(b): Government has already allocated 10.0 lakh MTs of wheat and 5.0. lakh MTs of rice to State /UT Governments for distribution to retail consumers/small processors during October,2009 to December,2009. Another 5.0 lakh MT of wheat has also been allocated for sale to bulk consumers in various States/UTs through open tenders by FCI during October,2009-December,2009.

Details of state wise allocation of wheat & rice under OMSS for various States/UTs are enclosed as Annexure I & II.

State-wise details of wheat released for sale to bulk consumers is also enclosed as Annexure-III

(c)&(d): Government will make additional allocation of wheat and rice under OMSS(D) as per requirement of State Government/Bulk consumers after the quantities already allocated are lifted by State Government/bulk consumers.